PRODUCERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

PURIFIED CARBOXYMETHYLCELLULOSE FROM FINLAND, MEXICO, NETHERLANDS, AND SWEDEN

Return completed questionnaire to:

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Office of Investigations, Room 615 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436

So as to be received by the Commission by no later than March 15, 2005

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its antidumping investigations concerning purified carboxymethylcellulose (CMC) from Finland, Mexico, the Netherlands, and Sweden (invs. Nos. 731-TA-1084-1087 (Final)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII. This report is mandatory and failure to reply as directed can result in a subpoena or other order to compel the submission of records or information in your possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)).

Name of firm

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PART I.--GENERAL QUESTIONS

The questions in this questionnaire have been reviewed with market participants to ensure that issues of concern are adequately addressed and that data requests are sufficient, meaningful, and as limited as possible. Public reporting burden for this questionnaire is estimated to average 40 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing the questionnaire. Send comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436.

	the actual number of hours require inaire and completing the form.	d and the cost to your firm of preparing the
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		mproving this questionnaire in general or mments to your response or send them to
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PART I.--GENERAL QUESTIONS--Continued

I-5.	importing puri States or which	fied CMC from Fi	firms, either domestic or fore nland, Mexico, the Netherlan xporting purified CMC from	ds, or Swe	den into the United
	\square_{No}	YesList the	e following information.		
	Firm name		<u>Address</u>		Affiliation
I-6.		n have any related purified CMC?	firms, either domestic or fore	ign, which	are engaged in the
	No	YesList the	e following information.		
	Firm name		Address		<u>Affiliation</u>
PART	· II <u>TRADE A</u>	ND RELATED I	NFORMATION	_	
			estionnaire can be obtained foly all data requested on a c	•	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
II-1.	Who should be	e contacted regard	ing the requested trade and re	lated infor	mation?
	Company cont	Name and ti	tle		
		Phone No.	E-ma	ail address	
II-2.	consolidations curtailment of	, closures, or prolo production because	lant openings, relocations, exonged shutdowns because of see of shortages of materials; or relating to the production of p	trikes or ear	quipment failure; change in the character of
	No No	YesSupply	details as to the time, nature	, and signif	icance of such changes.

PART II.--<u>TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION</u>--Continued

II-3.		n produce other p purified CMC?	products on the	e same equipment and	l machinery used in the
	\square_{No}	YesList th	he following i	nformation.	
	Basis for alloc	ation of capacity	data (e.g., sal	es):	
	Products prod	uced on same equ	nipment and sl	hare of total production	on in 2004 (in percent):
	<u>Product</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Percent</u>
	Purified CMC				
II-4.		e the constraint(s) that set the l	imit(s) on your produc	
II-5.	Does your firr produce purifi			•	and related workers employed to
	Basis for alloc	ation of employn	nent data (e.g.	, sales):	
	Products prod	uced using the sa	me workers a	nd share of total produ	action in 2004 (in percent):
	<u>Product</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Percent</u>
	Purified CMC				
II-6.		oklet) regarding t	he production	volved in a toll agreer of purified CMC?	ment (see definition in the
II-7.	Does your firm	n produce purifie	d CMC in a fo	oreign trade zone (FTZ	Z)?
	\square No	YesIdenti	ify FTZ(s): _		
II-8.	Since January	1, 2002, has you	r firm importe	ed purified CMC?	
	No		<u>PLETE AND</u> STIONNAIR		CLOSED IMPORTERS'

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-9.	Does your firm differentiate between "standard" and "specialty" purified CMC products?
	No YesPlease explain below how your firm distinguishes between standard and specialty CMC. In your discussion, provide the technical differences in the production process, product characteristics, and/or sales practices that distinguish standard and specialty CMC.
II-10.	If you reported transfers to related firms in question II-11, please indicate the nature of the relationship between your firm and the related firms (e.g., joint venture, wholly owned subsidiary), whether the transfers were priced at market value or by a non-market formula, whether your firm retained marketing rights to all transfers, and whether the related firms also processed inputs from sources other than your firm.

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-11. Report your firm's production capacity, production, shipments, inventories, and employment related to the production of purified CMC in your U.S. establishment(s) during the specified periods. (See definitions in the instruction booklet.)

(<i>Quantity</i> in 1,000 pounds, <i>valu</i> e in \$	51,000)			
	Calendar years			
Item	2002	2003	2004	
AVERAGE PRODUCTION CAPACITY¹ (quantity)				
BEGINNING-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES (quantity)				
PRODUCTION (quantity)				
U.S. SHIPMENTS:				
Commercial shipments:				
Quantity of commercial shipments				
Value of commercial shipments				
Internal consumption:				
Quantity of internal consumption				
Value ² of internal consumption				
Transfers to related firms:				
Quantity of transfers to related firms				
Value ² of transfers to related firms				
EXPORT SHIPMENTS:3				
Quantity of export shipments				
Value of export shipments				
END-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES ⁴ (quantity)				
U.S. SHIPMENTS TO DISTRIBUTORS (quantity)				
U.S. SHIPMENTS TO END USERS (quantity)				
AVERAGE NUMBER OF PRWs				
HOURS WORKED BY PRWs (1,000 hours)				
WAGES PAID TO PRWs (value)				
The production capacity (see definitions in instruction booklet) reported is week, weeks per year. Please describe the methodology used to calculat changes in reported capacity (use additional pages as necessary).				
² Internal consumption and transfers to related firms must be valued at fair r different basis for valuing these transactions, please specify that basis (e.g., cos using that basis for 2002, 2003, and 2004 below:	market value. Ir t, cost plus, etc.	the event that and provide va	you use a alue data	
³ Identify your principal export markets: ⁴ Reconciliation of dataPlease note that the quantities reported above sh beginning-of-period inventories, plus production, less total shipments, equals enreconcile?	ould reconcile a	ns follows: ntories. Do the	data reported	

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-12. <u>U.S. shipments by end use</u>.--Report your firm's U.S. shipments (commercial shipments and internal consumption) of purified CMC produced in your U.S. establishment(s), by major end use.

	(<i>Quantity</i> in	1,000 pounds, <i>va</i>	alue in S	\$1,000)			
	Itom			Calendar years			
	Item			2002	2003	2004	
FOOD: ¹							
Quantity							
Value							
PERSONAL CARE, COSME	TICS & PHAR	RMACEUTICALS:	1				
Quantity							
Value							
PAPER & BOARD:1							
Quantity							
Value							
OILFIELD:1							
Quantity							
Value							
ALL OTHER:2							
Quantity							
Value							
TOTAL U.S. SHIPMENT	'S: ³						
Quantity							
Value							
¹ Please indicate the ranges	s of key product Purity (percent)	characteristics for re Viscosity (cps @ 1%)	Degi	J.S. shipme ree of stitution	ents during 2004 Solution characteristics		
Food		·					
Paper & board		<u> </u>					
Oilfield							
Other							
² Please describe the speci	fic enduse cateo	gories:				·	
3 U.S. shipment data should	d reconcile with	data reported in sect	tion II-11				

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

()	pounds, <i>value</i> in \$1,000)		
Item		Calendar yea	1
	2002	2003	200
JRCHASES FROM U.S. IMPORTERS ² OF PRO	DDUCT FROM		
FINLAND:	<u> </u>		_
Quantity			
Value			
MEXICO:			_
Quantity			
Value			
NETHERLANDS:			
Quantity			
Value			
SWEDEN:	_	_	
Quantity			
Value			
ALL OTHER COUNTRIES:			
Quantity			
Value			
JRCHASES FROM DOMESTIC PRODUCERS:	2	-	
Quantity			
Value			
JRCHASES FROM OTHER SOURCES:2	•		•
Quantity			
Value			
¹ Please indicate your reasons for purchasing this p	product. If your reasons differ	by source, please	elaborate

PART III.--FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Address questions on this part of the questionnaire to Chand Mehta (202-205-3174 or chand.mehta@usitc.gov).

	·	ual who prepared or has knowle	edge of the requested financial information.
Cor	npany contact:	Name and title	
		Phone No.	Fax No.
		E-mail address	Company web address
Brie	efly describe yo	ur financial accounting system.	
A.		our fiscal year end (month and o year changed during the period	
2 3 4 Note incluses w	financial state Does your fin How often di annual report Au Mo Accounting be The Commissive and in the control of the c	ements are prepared that include m prepare profit/loss statements d your firm (or parent company es, 10Ks)? Please check relevant dited unaudited annulated sembasis: GAAP cash to in may request that your company cofit-and-loss statements for the diments and worksheets used to company the statements are statements and worksheets used to company the statements are statements and worksheets used to company the statements are statements and worksheets used to company the statements are statements and worksheets used to company the statements are statements.	s for the subject merchandise: YesNo) prepare financial statements (including titems below. ual reports 10Ks 10Qs
	efly describe yo	-	OGS, SG&A, and interest expense and other
Oth prod	er productsPl	ease list any other products you CMC, and provide the share of r	produced in the facilities in which you net sales accounted for by these other products in
		Product(s)	Share of sales

III-6. Operations on purified CMC.--Report the revenue and related cost information requested below on the purified CMC operations of your U.S. establishment(s).¹ Do not report resales of products. Note that internal consumption and transfers to related firms must be valued at fair market value and purchases from related firms must be at cost. Provide data for your three most recently completed fiscal years in chronological order from left to right. If your firm was involved in tolling operations (either as the toller or as the tollee) please contact Chand Mehta at (202) 205-3174 before completing this section of the questionnaire.

(Quantity in 1,000 pounds, value in \$1,000)					
Item	Fiscal years ended				
item					
Net sales quantities: ²					
Commercial sales					
Internal consumption					
Transfers to related firms					
Total net sales quantities					
Net sales values: ²					
Commercial sales					
Internal consumption					
Transfers to related firms					
Total net sales values					
Cost of goods sold (including internal consumption and transfers to r	elated firms):				
Raw materials					
Direct labor					
Other factory costs					
Total cost of goods sold					
Gross profit or (loss)					
Selling, general, and administrative (SG&A) expenses:					
Selling expenses					
General and administrative expenses					
Total SG&A expenses					
Operating income or (loss)					
Other income and expenses:					
Interest expense					
All other expense items					
All other income items					
All other income or expenses, net					
Net income or (loss) before income taxes					
Depreciation/amortization included above					

¹ Include only sales (whether domestic or export) and costs related to your U.S. manufacturing operations.

² Less discounts, returns, allowances, and prepaid freight. The quantities and values should approximate the corresponding shipment quantities and values reported in Part II of this questionnaire.

III-7. Asset values.--Report the total assets associated with the production, warehousing, and sale of purified CMC. If your firm does not maintain some or all of the specific asset data in the normal course of business, please estimate it based upon some rational method (such as production, sales, or costs) that is consistent with your cost allocations in the previous question. Your finished goods inventory value should reconcile with the inventory quantity data reported in Part II. Provide data as of the end of your three most recently completed fiscal years in chronological order from left to right.

(<i>Value</i> in \$1,000)				
Value of	Fiscal years ended			
Value of				
Assets associated with the production, warehousing, and sale of product:				
1. Current assets:				
A. Cash and equivalents				
B. Accounts receivable, net				
C. Inventories (Finished goods)				
D. Inventories (raw materials and work in process)				
E. Short-term investments				
F. Prepaid expenses				
G. Property held for resale				
H. Other (describe)				
I. Total current assets (lines 1.A. through 1.H.)				
2. Notes receivable				
3. Long-term investments				
4. Property, plant, and equipment				
A. Original cost of property, plant, and equipment				
B. Less: Accumulated depreciation				
C. Equals: Book value of property, plant, and equipment				
5. Goodwill				
6. Other (describe)				
7. Other (describe)				
8. Total assets (lines 1.I., 2, 3, 4.C., 5, 6, and 7)				

own MCA?

Variable	Cost	Fixe	d	Cost
Raw materials		Depreciation		
Utilities		Utilities		
Labor		Labor		
		Other ¹		
Total		Total		
¹ Please identify.				
operations:	w materials costs.— Protentials the major raw materials	-	•	
Item		FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Raw material (please describ	pe):			
Quantity used (1,000	pounds)			
Price paid (\$1,000)				
Raw material (please describ	pe):			
Quantity used (1,000	pounds)			
Price paid (\$1,000)				
Raw material (please describ	pe):			
Quantity used (1,000	pounds)			
Price paid (\$1,000)				ified CMC?

e) Provide the details of any costs associated with the closure of your MCA production facilities, such as the specific period(s), the amount of the costs, and their location (such as cost of goods sold or other expenses) in your financial statements. Please provide your response in separate attachment. Also, please submit any market studies, saving analysis, project analysis, or other internal studies relating to this product shutdown.

PART III.--FINANCIAL INFORMATION--Continued

III-10. a) Does your firm buy MCA? No Provide data as of the chronological order from left to rig	end of y	our three m	ost rece	ently complete	d fisc	cal years in
(Quantity i	n 1,000	pounds, valu	<i>i</i> e in \$1	,000)		
		· ·		al years ended-		
ltem	_		_			
Purchased MCA (quantity)						
Price paid for MCA (value)						
b) Does your firm buy MCA from related parties? No Yes-Provide details on the purchases below, including the name of the related party, the amount purchased each period, and the price paid during each period.					he related party,	
(Quantity	in 1,000) pounds, val	ue in \$1	1,000)		
Item		Fiscal years ended				
item			_			
Related party (please identify):						
Quantity purchased (pounds)						
Average price						
Related party (please identify):						
Quantity used (pounds)						
Average cost						
III-11. Report your firm's production volume and costs to produce (as recorded for purposes of valuing inventory) MCA. Provide data as of the end of your three most recently completed fiscal years in chronological order from left to right.						
(Quantity in	1,000	pounds, val	ue in \$	1,000)		
ltem			Fisca	l years ended	I 	
Production (quantity)	_		_			
Costs to produce (value)						

III-12. <u>Capital expenditures and research and development expenditures</u>.--Report your firm's capital expenditures and research and development expenditures on purified CMC. Provide data for your three most recently completed fiscal years in chronological order from left to right.

			(Value in \$1,000)			
	Fiscal years ended					
	π	em				
Capita	al expenditures	5				
Research and development expenditures						
III-13.	investment of efforts (incluscale of capital Netherlands,	iding efforts to develop tal investments as a re- or Sweden?	nt, ability to raise cap a derivative or mosult of imports of pu	apital, existing develore advanced version urified CMC from Fi	opment and production of the product), or the nland, Mexico, the	
	No	YesMy firm	has experienced act	rual negative effects	as follows:	
		Cancellation, post	ponement, or rejecti	on of expansion pro	jects	
Denial or rejection of investment proposal						
Reduction in the size of capital investments						
		Rejection of bank	loans			
		Lowering of credit	t rating			
		Problem related to	the issue of stocks	or bonds		
		Other (specify)				
III-14.		rm anticipate any negands, or Sweden?	ntive impact of impo	orts of purified CMC	from Finland, Mexico,	
	□No	YesMy firm	anticipates negative	e effects as follows:		

PART IV.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Gerry Benedick (202-205-3244; E-mail: gerald.benedick@usitc.gov)

V-1.	Who should be con	ntacted regarding the requested pricing and related information?				
	Company contact:					
		Name and title				
		Phone No.	E-mail address			

Section IV-A.--PRICE DATA

This section requests quarterly price and quantity data, f.o.b. your U.S. point of shipment, concerning your firm's U.S. commercial shipments to U.S. <u>end-user customers</u> UNRELATED (by ownership) to your firm for the following products produced in the United States by your firm and shipped during January 2002-December 2004:

THE PRODUCT DESCRIPTIONS ARE THE CONTROLLING FACTOR IN DECIDING WHAT COMPANY-SPECIFIC PRODUCTS TO INCLUDE IN EACH PRODUCT CATEGORY; THE PRODUCT TRADE NAMES ARE PROVIDED AS GUIDELINES.

The product numbers shown below do not necessarily correspond to the product numbers used in questionnaires during the preliminary investigations.

<u>Product 1</u>.—High viscosity (approximately 1,000 to 3,000 Mpas in 1 percent solution), degree of substitution approximately 0.65 to 0.90 (i.e., 6.5 to 9.0 carboxymethyl groups per 10 anhydroglucose units), used for regulated (food or personal care) applications, excluding pharmaceutical. The trade names of the suppliers for this product are: Aqualon–7HF; Noviant–Cekol 30,000; Akzo–Akucel AF278; Amtex–PE 31FG.

<u>Product 2.</u>—Very high viscosity (approximately 2,500 to 9,000 Mpas in 1 percent solution), degree of substitution approximately 0.65 to 0.90 (i.e., 6.5 to 9.0 carboxymethyl groups per 10 anhydroglucose units), used for regulated (food or personal care) applications, excluding pharmaceutical. The trade names of the suppliers for this product are: Aqualon–7H4F and 9H4F; Noviant–Cekol 50,000; Akzo–Akucell 280X and 298X; Amtex–F1-4000 and F1-6000 (both formerly included in PE 32 FG).

<u>Product 3.</u>—Medium viscosity (approximately 400 to 800 Mpas in 2 percent solution), degree of substitution approximately 0.65 to 0.90 (i.e., 6.5 to 9.0 carboxymethyl groups per 10 anhydroglucose units), used for regulated (food or personal care) applications, excluding pharmaceutical. The trade names of the suppliers for this product are: Aqualon–7MF; Noviant–Cekol 700; Akzo–Akucel AF150 and AF 170; Amtex–F2 750.

Product 4.—Medium viscosity (approximately 400 to 800 Mpas in 2 percent solution), degree of substitution approximately 0.65 to 0.90 (i.e., 6.5 to 9.0 carboxymethyl groups per 10 anhydroglucose units), non-regulated applications (i.e., standard grade). The trade names of the suppliers for this product are: Aqualon–7MT; Noviant–Finnfix 700; Akzo–None; Amtex–P 2 750.

PART IV.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

Section IV-A.--PRICE DATA--Continued

Product 5.—Low viscosity (approximately 20 to 1,000 Mpas in 4 percent solution, 5 to 100 Mpas in 2 percent solution), degree of substitution approximately 0.65 to 0.90 (i.e., 6.5 to 9.0 carboxymethyl groups per 10 anhydroglucose units), non-regulated applications (i.e., standard grade). The trade names of the suppliers for this product are: Aqualon (98 percent CMC minimum)—7L1, 7L2, and 7L; Noviant (98 percent CMC minimum)—Finnfix 5, Finnfix 10, and Finnfix 30; Akzo—None; Amtex (92 percent CMC minimum)—P2-10, P2-30, and P2-75.

Product 6.—High viscosity (minimum 1,500 Mpas in 1 percent solution), degree of substitution 0.8 to 1.5 (i.e., 8 to 15 carboxymethyl groups per 10 anhydroglucose units), to oilfield customers. This product is often sold to customers bearing the particular customer's trade name for its oil drilling product, such as Drispac, Milpac, and Polypac. Less frequently, the product bears a proprietary name of the manufacturer, such as Aqualon's Aquapac or Akzo's Staflo. In all cases, the specifications and not the label on the bag should be the controlling factor in reporting.

Please note that total dollar values should be f.o.b., U.S. point of shipment and should not include U.S.-inland transportation costs. Total dollar values should reflect the <u>FINAL NET</u> amount paid to you (i.e., should be net of all deductions for discounts, allowances, or rebates). See instruction booklet.

PART IV.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

Section IV-A.--PRICE DATA--Continued

(Qu	<i>antity</i> in pounds, <i>value</i> in dolla	rs)
Period of shipment	Quantity	Value ²
2002:		
January-March		
April-June		
July-September		
October-December		
2003:		
January-March		
April-June		
July-September		
October-December		
2004:		
January-March		
April-June		
July-September		
October-December		
	ny products (by trade name) that your	firm reported for each product categor

PART IV.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

Unless otherwise instructed, please answer all questions in the rest of part IV based on your firm's total U.S sales of its U.S.-produced purified CMC to all U.S. customers during January 2002-December 2004. If your responses differ by sales to different types of U.S. customers (end users, distributors, or types of end users) or grades, viscosity, or granular sizes of purified CMC that you produce, please explain in the margin or attach a separate response. Please respond fully to the questions and attach additional pages of discussion as needed; identify attached responses with the question number.

Section IV-B.-PRICE-RELATED QUESTIONS

Type of sale

IV-B-1. Please report below your firm's total U.S. shipment quantity (in pounds) of its U.S.-produced purified CMC during 2004 that were on a (1) long-term basis (multiple deliveries for more than 12 months), (2) short-term basis (multiple deliveries up to 12 months), and (3) spot basis (for a single delivery).

Quantity (pounds)

Long-to	erm contracts				
Short-to	erm contracts				
Spot sa	les				
IV-B-2.	involved your U.Sproduced purifi				
	_	a contract?			
	(b) How frequently are contracts renegotiated?				
	(c) Does the contract fix quantity, price, or both?				
	(d) Does the contract have a meet or release provision?				
	(e) What are the standard quantity requirements, if any?				
	(f) What is the price premium for sub-minimum shipments? percent				
IV-B-3.	Please discuss the following provis involved your U.Sproduced purifi	ions of your U.S. sales on a typical short-term basis that ed CMC.			
	(a) What is the average duration of a contract?				
	(b) How frequently are contracts renegotiated?				
	(c) Does the contract fix quantity, price, or both?				
	(d) Does the contract have a meet or release provision?				
	(e) What are the standard quantity i	requirements, if any?			
	(f) What is the price premium for sub-minimum shipments? percent				

PART IV.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

IV-B-4.	Please describe below how your firm determines the prices that it charges for sales of purified CMC to its U.S. customers (e.g., negotiate prices each transaction, the role of quantity sold in arriving at prices, prices set by your price lists, use follow-up price quotes, sell purified CMC bundled with other products you produce, etc.). If your firm uses/issues price lists, please enclose a copy of the most recent price list with your submission. Note if the price list differs by type of customer.				
	Long-term:				
	Short-term:				
	Spot:				
IV-B-5.	What are your firm's typical payment terms on sales of its U.Sproduced purified CMC shipped to U.S. customers (e.g., 2/10 net 30 days, net 30 days, etc.)?On what basis are your prices of domestic purified CMC usually quoted (e.g., f.o.b. warehouse, or delivered)?				
IV-B-6.	Please describe terms of your firm's discount policy, if any, (quantity discounts per shipment, annual total volume (quantity or value) based discounts, etc.) on U.S. sales of its U.Sproduced purified CMC during January 2002-December 2004.				
IV-B-7.	 (a) What is the approximate percentage of the total delivered cost of purified CMC that is accounted for by U.S. inland transportation costs? percent. (b) Who generally arranges the transportation to your customers' locations? Your firm or purchaser (check one). 				
	(c) What proportion of your sales occur within 100 miles of your storage or production facility? percent. 101 to 1,000 miles? percent. Over 1,000 miles? percent.				
IV-B-8.	What is the geographic market area in the United States served by your firm's purified CMC? Northeast Mid-Atlantic Midwest Southeast Rocky Mountains West Coast Northwest Other (describe)				
	Please note any changes in your U.S. market area since January 2002.				

PART IV.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

Section IV-B.-PRICE RELATED QUESTIONS-Continued

IV-B-9. a) What is the average lead time between a customer's order and the date of delivery for your firm's sales of your U.S.-produced purified CMC?

	Source		Share of 2004 sales	Lead time
	From inventory			
	Produced to order			
	Total		100%	
	yes, note dates of any	changes a		No (Check one) If imes changed and the significance ified CMC.
IV-B-10. Does your firm sell its U.Sproduced purified CMC over the internet? No Yes-Please describe, noting the estimated percentage of your firm sales of purified CMC in 2004 accounted for by internet sales. Please effect of any internet sales on your U.S. selling prices and quantities.				ercentage of your firm's total internet sales. Please explain the
IV-B-11.	the United States since	e January YesPlea changes o	2002? ase describe below any such ch	or marketing of purified CMC in anges, the time periods any such hanges had on U.S. sales prices rified CMC

PART IV.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

	a) What technical support/service provisions are important for your firm's customers in your sales of purified CMC?					
	b) Were the technical support/service provisions priced separately from the purified CMC product that your firm sold during January 2002-December 2004? No Yes Please explain.					
	a) Please explain the extent to which cotton linters versus wood pulp, or some other form of cellulose, used as an input in the production of purified CMC results in better quality and/or performance of this product.					
	b) Do your customers ever specify/require the type(s) of cellulose to be used in the purified CMC that your firm produces for them? No YesPlease explain below whether your firm, your customer, or both jointly determine the type(s) of cellulose used and why one form of cellulose is chosen over another form.					

PART IV.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

IV-B-14.	use sector affect prices of purif	J.S. market the extent to which prices of purified CMC in one end- fied CMC in another sector during January 2002-December 2004. AC products, the end-use sectors, and the time periods for any such
IV-B-15.		urified CMC that you manufacture. For each end-use product, ost is accounted for by purified CMC?
	End use product	Share of total cost accounted for by purified CMC (percent)
		

PART IV.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

Section IV-B.-PRICE RELATED QUESTIONS-Continued

IV-B-16. a) Specify below among the listed products (and any other products that apply) those that were produced by your firm in the United States during January 2002--December 2004. For the products that were produced by your firm, indicate which, if any, have been used as alternatives to purified CMC and identify the downstream product(s) and application(s) associated with each alternative input product.

	Produced By your firm Yes No	Alternative to purified CMC Yes No	Downstream product(s)	Application(s)
ude/unrefined CMC				
oss-linked purified CMC her hydrocolloids (specify):				
her products (specify):				
b) Are any such prod	ucts also sold/m	arketed by your	sales personnel that	sell purified CMC?
If yes Do your sales staff m other products, or vic Separately-Ex A potential sul these various product what determines the o	arket purified C e versa? (Check plain the distinc bstitute for purif (s), including pu	as appropriate) etion in how these fied CMC–How ourified CMC, to s	e other products are does your sales staff	sold. determine which of

PART IV.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

IV-B-17.	How has the demand for purified CMC in the United States (and outside the United States, if known,) changed since January 1, 2002? What principal factors affected any changes in demand?					
	Increased	Unchanged	Decreased	Fluctuated		

PART IV.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

IV-B-18.	a) Based on your firm's experience during January 2002–December 2004, please list in descending order of importance the top three pairs of purified CMC types grade, viscosity, enduse, granular size, etc) that you consider to be substitutes for each other in the U.S. market and report the principal application(s)/end-use product(s) for which they may be substitutes. If none, please indicate. (Substitute products are products that can, based on market price considerations and residential consumer/industrial user preferences/technical requirements, reasonably be expected to substitute for each other when the price of one product changes vis-a-vis the price of the other product–some consumers/industrial users may require greater price changes than others before they switch among the alternative products.) None (skip to question IV-B-19a)			
	Product pair	Application/end use(s)		
1.				
2.				
3.				
	quantity of one purified C. No If yes How do changes in the rel of one purified CMC prod	e of any of the above-specified substitute products affect the price or MC product vis-a-vis another? Yes ative prices of the substitute product-pairs affect the price or quantity duct vis-a-vis another? What is the time lag for any such impact and purified CMC or final end-use?		
	1			
	2			
	3			

PART IV.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

IV-B-19.	a) Based on your firm's experience during January 2002-December 2004, please list in descending order of importance the top five products (e.g., crude/unrefined CMC, CMC FPS, cross-linked purified CMC, other hydrocolloids, other products, etc) that you consider to be substitutes for purified CMC, or vice-a-versa, in the U.S. market. If none, please indicate. For each product listed, show the type of purified CMC product(s) that each alternative product is a probable substitute for, and list the most likely principal application(s)/end-use product(s) for which such substitution can take place.						
	None (skip t	o question IV-B-20)					
Sub	stitute product	Purified CMC product(s)	Application/end use(s)				
1.							
2.							
3.							
4.							
5.							
	quantity of purified No If yes How do changes i or quantity of purified No	and CMC? Yes The relative prices of the above-	eified substitute products affect the price or especified substitute products affect the price? What is the time lag for any such impact and d-use?				
	2						
	3						
-							
	4						
	J						

PART IV.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

Section IV-B.-PRICE RELATED QUESTIONS-Continued

IV-B-20. Is purified CMC produced in the United States and in other countries used interchangeably (i.e., can they physically be used in the same applications)? Please indicate below, using "A" to indicate that the products from a specified country-pair are *always* interchangeable, "F" to indicate that the products are *frequently* interchangeable, "S" to indicate that the products are *sometimes* interchangeable, "N" to indicate that the products are *never* interchangeable, and "0" to indicate *no familiarity* with products from a specified country-pair.¹

Country-pair	United States	Finland	Mexico	Netherlands	Sweden	Other countries
United States						
Finland						
Mexico						
Netherlands						
Sweden						
please explain countries refe	the factors tha	t limit or preclu	i eme which is	as sometimes or able use. Also,	identify any "o	geable, ther"

Other

countries

Sweden

Netherlands

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PART IV.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

Finland

Section IV-B.-PRICE RELATED QUESTIONS-Continued

United

States

Country-pair

IV-B-21. Are differences other than price (i.e., quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, etc.) between purified CMC produced in the United States and in other countries a significant factor in your firm's sales of the U.S.-produced products? Please indicate below, using "A" to indicate that such differences are *always* significant, "F" to indicate that such differences are *frequently* significant, "S" to indicate that such differences are *sometimes* significant, "N" to indicate that such differences are *never* significant, and "0" to indicate *no familiarity* with products from a specified country-pair.¹

Mexico

United States Finland Mexico Netherlands Sweden 1 For any country-pair for which factors other than price always or frequently are a significant factor in your firm's sales of U.Sproduced purified CMC, identify the country-pair, the type of purified CMC, and report the advantages or disadvantages imparted by such factors. Also, identify any "other" countries referred to.							
Mexico Netherlands Sweden 1 For any country-pair for which factors other than price always or frequently are a significant factor in your firm's sales of U.Sproduced purified CMC, identify the country-pair, the type of purified CMC, and report the advantages or disadvantages imparted by such factors. Also, identify any "other"							
Netherlands Sweden 1 For any country-pair for which factors other than price <i>always or frequently</i> are a significant factor in your firm's sales of U.Sproduced purified CMC, identify the country-pair, the type of purified CMC, and report the advantages or disadvantages imparted by such factors. Also, identify any "other"	Finland						
Sweden 1 For any country-pair for which factors other than price <i>always or frequently</i> are a significant factor in your firm's sales of U.Sproduced purified CMC, identify the country-pair, the type of purified CMC, and report the advantages or disadvantages imparted by such factors. Also, identify any "other"	Mexico						
¹ For any country-pair for which factors other than price <i>always or frequently</i> are a significant factor in your firm's sales of U.Sproduced purified CMC, identify the country-pair, the type of purified CMC, and report the advantages or disadvantages imparted by such factors. Also, identify any "other"	Netherlands						
in your firm's sales of U.Sproduced purified CMC, identify the country-pair, the type of purified CMC, and report the advantages or disadvantages imparted by such factors. Also, identify any "other"	Sweden						
	in your firm's sand report the	sales of U.Spr advantages or	oduced purified	I CMC, identify	the country-pair	r, the type of pu	rified CMC,

PART IV.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

Section IV-C.-CUSTOMER IDENTIFICATION

Please provide the names and addresses of your firm's 10 largest U.S. customers for its domestically-produced purified CMC during January 2002-December 2004. Please also provide the name and telephone number of a contact person and the percentage share of the quantity of your firm's total domestic sales of its U.S.-produced purified CMC that each of these customers accounted for in 2004. For any customers related to your firm, place an (R) by the name of each such customer.

No.	Customer's name	Street address, state, and zip code	Contact person	Area code and telephone number	Share of 2004 sales (%)
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					

PART V.-OTHER CMC--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

This section of the questionnaire requests information on two product categories of CMC other than the subject purified product: (1) CMC FPS and (2) crude/unrefined CMC. (See product definitions in the instruction booklet.)

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Cynthia Trainor (202-205-3354; E-mail cynthia.trainor@usitc.gov). Supply all data requested (except for financial data) on a calendar-year basis.

	tacted regarding the requ			
Company contact:	Name and title			
	Phone No.	E-mail a	ddress	
lost sales or revenu ability to raise capi a derivative or more	es or experienced any ne tal, or existing developm	egative effects on your tent and production eff e product, as a result o	have you, since January 1, 200 firm's growth, investment, forts, including efforts to develop imports of the subject purified	p
No	YesPlease describe th	e lost sales/revenues a	nd/or negative impact.	
you, since January firm's growth, inve including efforts to	1, 2002, lost sales or revestment, ability to raise ca	enues or experienced a apital, or existing deve more advanced version	on crude/unrefined CMC, have any negative effects on your lopment and production efforts n of the product, as a result of or Sweden?	•
	X Dl	a lost salas/rayanyas a	nd/or negative impact.	
No	YesPlease describe th	e fost sales/feverides a		
No L	I YesPlease describe in	e fost sales/fevenues a		
No L	I YesPlease describe in	e fost sales/fevenues a		

PART V.-OTHER CMC--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION-Continued

V-4.	Report the information requested in sections V-5 and V-6 for the other CMC products produced in your U.S. establishment(s) during the specified periods. (See product definitions in the instruction booklet). In the space provided below, please indicate whether or not your firm was able to provide accurate figures, or estimates, for the data requested. If not, identify your problems in doing so and indicate the nature (and extent) of any inaccuracies. For example, to the degree that capacity, employment, capital expenditures, and research and development overlap, please provide an explanation of the allocation methodology used.
	CMC FPS
	Crude/unrefined CMC

PART V.--OTHER CMC--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION—Continued

V-5. <u>CMC FPS</u>.–Report the following information on your operations producing CMC FPS.

(<i>Quantity</i> in 1,000 pounds, <i>val</i>	- 1		
Item	2002	2003	as noted
AVERAGE PRODUCTION CAPACITY (quantity)		2000	2001
BEGINNING-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES (quantity)			
PRODUCTION (quantity)			
U.S. SHIPMENTS: Commercial shipments: Quantity of commercial shipments			
Value of commercial shipments			
Internal consumption: Quantity of internal consumption			
Value ¹ of internal consumption			
Transfers to related firms: Quantity of transfers to related firms			
Value ¹ of transfers to related firms			
EXPORT SHIPMENTS: ² Quantity of export shipments			
Value of export shipments			
END-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES ³ (quantity)			
U.S. SHIPMENTS TO DISTRIBUTORS			
U.S. SHIPMENTS TO END USERS			
AVERAGE NUMBER OF PRWs			
HOURS WORKED BY PRWs (1,000 hours)			
WAGES PAID TO PRWs (value)			
FINANCIAL INFORMATION: ⁴ Net sales: ⁵ Quantity			
Value			
Cost of goods sold (value)			
Gross profit or (loss) (value)			
Selling, general, and administrative expenses (value)			
Operating income or (loss) (value)			
Capital expenditures (value)			
Research & development expenditures (value)			
 Sales to related firms (including internal consumption and transfers) r Identify your principal export markets: 			
³ Reconciliation of dataPlease note that the quantities reported about niventories, plus production, less total shipments, equals end-of-period inventories.	ve should reconcile as fo ntories. Do the data rep	llows: beginning orted reconcile?	-of-period
Yes NoPlease explain:			
 Report financial information on a fiscal-year basis (year ending Including internal consumption and transfers to related firms and net 			

PART V.--OTHER CMC--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION-Continued

V-6. <u>Crude/unrefined CMC</u>.—Report the following information on your operations producing crude/unrefined CMC.

	Calendar years, except as noted					
Item	2002	2003	2004			
VERAGE PRODUCTION CAPACITY (quantity)						
EGINNING-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES (quantity)						
RODUCTION (quantity)						
.S. SHIPMENTS: Commercial shipments: Quantity of commercial shipments						
Value of commercial shipments						
Internal consumption: Quantity of internal consumption						
Value ¹ of internal consumption						
Transfers to related firms: Quantity of transfers to related firms						
Value ¹ of transfers to related firms						
XPORT SHIPMENTS: ² Quantity of export shipments						
Value of export shipments						
ND-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES ³ (quantity)						
.S. SHIPMENTS TO DISTRIBUTORS						
.S. SHIPMENTS TO END USERS						
VERAGE NUMBER OF PRWs						
OURS WORKED BY PRWs (1,000 hours)						
/AGES PAID TO PRWs (value)						
INANCIAL INFORMATION: ⁴ Net sales: ⁵ Quantity						
Value						
Cost of goods sold (value)						
Gross profit or (loss) (value)						
Selling, general, and administrative expenses (value)						
Operating income or (loss) (value)						
Capital expenditures (value)						
Research & development expenditures (value)						
 Sales to related firms (including internal consumption and transfers) Identify your principal export markets: 	must be valued at fair ma	rket value.				
³ <u>Reconciliation of data</u> Please note that the quantities reported aboventories, plus production, less total shipments, equals end-of-period inventories. Please explain: Yes NoPlease explain:			-of-period			
⁴ Report financial information on a fiscal-year basis (year ending						

PART V.-OTHER CMC--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION-Continued

To the extent that information is available, please describe the differences and similariti between purified CMC and CMC FPS with respect to the following factors: (a) characte and uses—describe the differences and similarities in the chemical characteristics and end unterchangeability—discuss the interchangeability in end use of the two products; (c) manufacturing processes—describe the two processes and include a discussion of the interchangeability of production inputs, machinery and equipment, and skilled labor; (d) che of distribution—describe the specific end use/customer requirements and channels of distribution/market situation in which the products are sold; (e) customer and producer perceptions—describe any perceived differences in the two products (e.g., sales/marketing practices); and (f) price—provide a discussion and specific examples of prices for the two products (e.g., sales/marketing practices); and uses: (b) Interchangeability: (c) Manufacturing processes: (d) Channels of distribution: (e) Customer and producer perceptions:	PS with respect to the following factors: (a) characteristics of similarities in the chemical characteristics and end uses; (b) thangeability in end use of the two products; (c) the two processes and include a discussion of the s, machinery and equipment, and skilled labor; (d) channel end use/customer requirements and channels of the products are sold; (e) customer and producer differences in the two products (e.g., sales/marketing scussion and specific examples of prices for the two products.
(a) Characteristics and uses: (b) Interchangeability: (c) Manufacturing processes: (d) Channels of distribution: (e) Customer and producer perceptions:	ions:
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	ions:
	ions:
	ions:
(f) Price:	

PART V.-OTHER CMC--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION-Continued

January 1, 20	BILITY OF PURIFED CMC AND CRUDE/UNREFINED CMC.—(i) Since 02, has your firm produced, imported, used, or sold crude/unrefined CMC?
(ii) To the exbetween pur characterist and end uses products; (c) interchangea of distribution/sperceptions practices); as	Yes— ent that information is available, please describe the differences and similarities fied CMC and crude/unrefined CMC with respect to the following factors: (a) es and uses—describe the differences and similarities in the chemical characteristics (b) interchangeability—discuss the interchangeability in end use of the two manufacturing processes—describe the two processes and include a discussion of the ility of production inputs, machinery and equipment, and skilled labor; (d) channels n—describe the specific end use/customer requirements and channels of arket situation in which the products are sold; (e) customer and producer describe any perceived differences in the two products (e.g., sales/marketing if (f) price—provide a discussion and specific examples of prices for the two products l pages as necessary.
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(b) Intercha	geability.
(c) Manufac	uring processes:
(c) Manufac	uring processes:
	uring processes: of distribution:
(d) Channel	
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(d) Channel	of distribution:

PART V.-OTHER CMC--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION-Continued

V-9. Please provide the names and addresses of your firm's 5 largest U.S. customers for its domestically-produced CMC FPS and crude/unrefined CMC during January 2002-December 2004. Please also provide the name and telephone number of a contact person and the percentage share of the quantity of your firm's total domestic sales of its U.S.-produced CMC FPS and crude/unrefined CMC that each of these customers accounted for in 2004. For any customers related to your firm, place an (R) by the name of each such customer.

No.	Customer's name	Street address, state, and zip code	Contact person	Area code and telephone number	Share of 2004 sales (%)				
СМС	CMC FPS customers:								
1									
2									
3									
4									
5									
Crud	e/unrefined CMC custome	rs:			ı				
1									
2									
3									
4									
5									